

Thursday, June 25, 1998

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed Strom Thurmond National Defense Authorization Act.

Senate passed Military Construction Appropriations, 1999.

The House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 2676, IRS Restructuring and Reform Act.

The House passed H.R. 4112, Legislative Branch Appropriations Act.

House Committees ordered reported 16 sundry measures, including the following appropriations for fiscal year 1999: Interior and VA, HUD and Independent Agencies.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7039–S7079

Measures Introduced: Twenty two bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2215–2236, S.J. Res. 54, and S. Con. Res. 106.

(See next issue.)

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 627, to reauthorize the African Elephant Conservation Act. (S. Rept. No. 105–222)

S. 2090, to extend the authority of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to collect fees through 2003. (S. Rept. No. 105–223)

S. 2095, to reauthorize and amend the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 105–224)

S. 1482, to amend section 223 of the Communications Act of 1934 to establish a prohibition on commercial distribution on the World Wide Web of material that is harmful to minors. (S. Rept. No. 105–225)

S. 1619, to direct the Federal Communications Commission to study systems for filtering or blocking matter on the Internet, to require the installation of such a system on computers in schools and libraries with Internet access, and for other purposes. (S. Rept. No. 105–226)

H.R. 39, to reauthorize the African Elephant Conservation Act.

S. Res. 240, expressing the sense of the Senate with respect to democracy and human rights in the

Lao People's Democratic Republic, with amendments.

S. 1976, to increase public awareness of the plight of victims of crime with developmental disabilities, to collect data to measure the magnitude of the problem, and to develop strategies to address the safety and justice needs of victims of crime with developmental disabilities, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. Con. Res. 97, expressing the sense of Congress concerning the human rights and humanitarian situation facing the women and girls of Afghanistan, with amendments.

(See next issue.)

Measures Passed:

Congressional Adjournment: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 297, providing for an adjournment of both Houses.

(See next issue.)

Strom Thurmond National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1999: By 88 yeas to 4 nays (Vote No.181), Senate passed S. 2057, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1999 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, and to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, after taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows:

Pages S7039–50, S7057–78 (continued next issue)

Adopted:

By 48 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 174), Inhofe Amendment No. 2981, to modify the restrictions on the general authority of the Department of Defense

regarding the closure and realignment of military installations, and to express the sense of the Congress on further rounds of such closures and realignments.

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Dodd Amendment No. 3004, to require actions to eliminate the backlog of unpaid retired pay for members and former members of the Army.

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Murray/Murkowski/Sarbanes Amendment No. 3005, relating to burial honors for deceased veterans.

Pages S7058–60

Gramm Amendment No. 3010, to permit recipients of Naval Reserve Officers' Training Corps scholarships to attend the participating college or university of their choice.

(See next issue.)

Faircloth Modified Amendment No. 3014, to authorize funds for the construction of the National Guard Military Educational Facility at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

(See next issue.)

Thurmond/Levin Amendment No. 3015, to increase the percent by which the rates of basic pay are to be increased.

(See next issue.)

Burns Amendment No. 2728, to improve the quality of life for members of the Armed Forces by authorizing additional military construction and military family housing projects.

(See next issue.)

Warner/Levin/Lott/Daschle Amendment No. 3016, to name the bill in honor of Senator Strom Thurmond.

(See next issue.)

Thurmond (for Coats) Amendment No. 2823, to require the Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to carry out a program of assistance for State and local governments to ensure the preparedness of those governments to respond to potential emergencies resulting from the destruction of lethal chemical agents and munitions.

(See next issue.)

Levin (for Biden) Modified Amendment No. 2867, to make available \$30,000,000 for the Initiatives for Proliferation Prevention program and \$30,000,000 for the so-called "nuclear cities" initiative.

(See next issue.)

Thurmond (for Stevens) Modified Amendment No. 2909, to require the Secretary of Defense to provide new incentives for retention of personnel for critical military specialties.

(See next issue.)

Levin (for Mikulski) Modified Amendment No. 2791, to require the Secretary of the Navy to carry out a vessel scrapping pilot program.

(See next issue.)

Thurmond (for Thomas/Enzi) Amendment No. 3017, to authorize \$13,584,000 for the construction of a Combined Support Maintenance Shop for the Army National Guard at Camp Guernsey, Wyoming.

(See next issue.)

Levin (for Harkin) Amendment No. 3018, to increase by \$10,000,000 the total amount authorized to be appropriated for research and development re-

lating to Persian Gulf illnesses, and to offset the increase by reducing the amount under title II for the Army Commercial Operations and Support Savings Program by \$10,000,000.

(See next issue.)

Thurmond (for DeWine) Amendment No. 3019, to reauthorize a land conveyance of the Army Reserve Center, Youngstown, Ohio.

(See next issue.)

Levin (for Dodd) Amendment No. 3020, to make available certain funds from the defense health programs for research and surveillance activities relating to Lyme disease and other tick-borne diseases.

(See next issue.)

Thurmond (for Brownback) Amendment No. 2904, to express the sense of the Senate regarding the August 1995 assassination attempt against President Shevardnadze of Georgia.

(See next issue.)

Levin (for Rockefeller) Amendment No. 3021, to make funds available for the DOD/VA Cooperative Research Program.

(See next issue.)

Warner (for Domenici/Bingaman) Amendment No. 3022, relating to activities of the contractor-operated facilities of the Department of Energy.

(See next issue.)

Levin (for Wyden/Smith of Oregon) Amendment No. 3023, relating to Department of Defense aviation accident investigations.

(See next issue.)

Thurmond (for Smith of Oregon) Amendment No. 2783, to provide for the issuance of burial flags to deceased members and former members of the Selected Reserve.

(See next issue.)

Levin (for Durbin) Modified Amendment No. 2923, to require the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs to revise the TRICARE policy manual to clarify that rehabilitative services are available to a patient for a head injury under certain circumstances.

(See next issue.)

Warner (for Thurmond) Amendment No. 3024, to enable the Secretary of Energy to set a maximum age at which new couriers may enter the Department of Energy's nuclear materials courier force and to provide early retirement programs for the Department's nuclear materials couriers.

(See next issue.)

Warner (for Jeffords/Leahy) Amendment No. 3025, to require a review and report regarding the distribution of National Guard resources among States.

(See next issue.)

Levin (for Wellstone) Amendment No. 3026, to provide health benefits for abused dependents of members of the armed forces.

(See next issue.)

Levin (for Wyden/Grassley) Amendment No. 3027, to eliminate secret Senate holds.

(See next issue.)

Warner (for Domenici/Bingaman) Amendment No. 3028, to provide funds for research, development, test, and evaluation for the Low Cost Launch Development Program.

(See next issue.)

Levin (for Durbin) Amendment No. 3029, to require efforts to continue to increase defense burdensharing by allies. (See next issue.)

Warner (for Sessions) Amendment No. 2907, to require the Secretary of Energy to select the technology to be used for tritium production by December 31, 1998. (See next issue.)

Warner (for Graham/Bennett) Amendment No. 3030, to add findings and additional items for the report on the continuity of essential operations at risk of failure because of computer systems that are not year 2000 compliant. (See next issue.)

Warner/Santorum Amendment No. 3031, to modify the requirements relating to reports on the transferability of functions of the Defense Automated Printing Service. (See next issue.)

Levin (for Sarbanes) Modified Amendment No. 2792, to provide funds for emergency repairs and stabilization measures at the historic district of the Forest Glen Annex of Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Maryland. (See next issue.)

Warner (for Santorum) Amendment No. 3032, to increase funds for procurement of M888, 60-millimeter, high-explosive munitions for the Marine Corps. (See next issue.)

Warner (for Santorum) Amendment No. 3033, relating to the pharmacy benefit available under the health care demonstration projects with respect to medicare-eligible beneficiaries of the military health care system. (See next issue.)

Levin (for Dorgan/Conrad) Amendment No. 3034, to modify the land conveyance authority with respect to Finley Air Force Station, Finley, North Dakota. (See next issue.)

Warner (for Hutchinson) Modified Amendment No. 2976, to express the sense of the Congress that significant funds be directed towards broadcasting to China and Tibet in appropriate languages and dialects. (See next issue.)

Levin (for Biden/Levin) Amendment No. 3035, to require a report on the peaceful employment of former Soviet experts on weapons of mass destruction. (See next issue.)

Warner (for Kyl/Murkowski) Amendment No. 3036, to require a study on effective deployment of theater missile defense systems in the Asia-Pacific region. (See next issue.)

Warner (for Bingaman/Domenici) Amendment No. 3037, to require the submission of a plan and design relating to the relocation of the National Atomic Museum in Albuquerque, New Mexico. (See next issue.)

Warner (for Murkowski) Amendment No. 3038, to require a report on the cooperation between the Department of the Army and the Environmental Protection Agency in meeting Chemical Weapons

Convention requirements to destroy the U.S. chemical stockpile. (See next issue.)

Levin (for Byrd) Amendment No. 3039, to amend title 10, United States Code, with respect to the administration of certain drugs to members of the Armed Forces without the informed consent of the members. (See next issue.)

Warner (for Hutchison) Amendment No. 3040, to authorize the conveyance of utility systems at Lone Star Army Ammunition Plant, Texas. (See next issue.)

Warner (for Murkowski) Amendment No. 3041, to require a report recommending alternative means for a small disadvantaged business refiner to fulfill its contractual obligations. (See next issue.)

Rejected:

By 18 yeas to 74 nays (Vote No. 173), Wellstone/Boxer Amendment No. 2902, to provide funds for the Child Development Program of the Department of Defense. Pages S7040–42

By 38 yeas to 55 nays (Vote No. 175), Harkin/Wellstone Amendment No. 2982, to authorize a transfer of funds from the Department of Defense to the Department of Veterans Affairs for health care. Pages S7039, S2946–47

By 44 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. 176), Murray/Snowe Amendment No. 2794, to repeal the restriction on the use of Department of Defense facilities for abortions. Pages S7060–66, S7075–76

Reid Amendment No. 3009, relating to the withdrawal of lands at the Juniper Butte Range, Idaho, for use by the Secretary of the Air Force. (By 49 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 177), Senate tabled the amendment.) Pages S7066–75, S7076–77

By 20 yeas to 72 nays (Vote No. 178) Feingold Amendment No. 2808, to terminate the Extremely Low Frequency Communication System program of the Navy. (See next issue.)

By 19 yeas to 73 nays (Vote No. 179) Bumpers/Feingold Amendment No. 3012, to limit the obligation of advance procurement funds for the F–22 aircraft program. (See next issue.)

By 39 yeas to 53 nays (Vote No. 180) Byrd Amendment No. 3011 (to Amendment No. 3010), to require separate training platoons and separate housing for male and female basic trainees, and to ensure after-hours privacy for basic trainees. (See next issue.)

Energy National Security: Senate passed S. 2058, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1999 for defense activities of the Department of Energy, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof Division C of S. 2057, National Defense Authorizations, as amended. (See next issue.)

Military Construction Authorizations: Senate passed S. 2059, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1999 for military construction, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof Division B of S. 2057, National Defense Authorizations, as amended. (See next issue.)

National Defense Authorizations: Senate passed S. 2060, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1999 for military activities of the Department of Defense, and to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof Division A of S. 2057, National Defense Authorizations, as amended. (See next issue.)

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached with respect to further consideration of S. 2057, S. 2058, S. 2059, and S. 2060 (all listed above as passed by the Senate), that if the Senate receives a message from the House of Representatives with respect to any of those bills, that the Senate be deemed to have disagreed to the amendment or amendments to the Senate-passed bill, that the Senate agree to or request a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate. (See next issue.)

National Defense Authorizations: Senate passed H.R. 3616, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1999 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, and to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the text of S. 2057, as amended. (See next issue.)

Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair appointed the following conferees: Senators Thurmond, Warner, McCain, Coats, Smith (New Hampshire), Kempthorne, Inhofe, Santorum, Snowe, Roberts, Levin, Kennedy, Bingaman, Glenn, Byrd, Robb, Lieberman, and Cleland. (See next issue.)

Military Construction Appropriation, 1999: Senate passed H.R. 4059, making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the text of S. 2160, Senate companion measure, and after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: (See next issue.)

Burns Amendment No. 3045, to adjust appropriations for Navy military construction, Air Force family housing construction, and Defense-Wide military construction to accommodate the authorizations of

appropriations for such construction for fiscal year 1999. (See next issue.)

Burns (for Thomas/Enzi) Amendment No. 3046, to increase the appropriation for military construction for the Army National Guard and to decrease the appropriation for military construction for the Army Reserve. (See next issue.)

Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair was authorized to appoint the following conferees: Senators Burns, Hutchison, Faircloth, Craig, Stevens, Murray, Reid, Inouye, and Byrd. (See next issue.)

Commending the Library of Congress: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 106, to commend the Library of Congress for 200 years of outstanding service to Congress and the Nation, and to encourage activities to commemorate the bicentennial anniversary of the Library of Congress. (See next issue.)

Alaska Land Exchange: Senate passed S. 1158, to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, regarding the Huna Totem Corporation public interest land exchange, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto: (See next issue.)

Burns (for Murkowski) Amendment No. 3042, of a technical nature. (See next issue.)

Alaska Land Exchange: Senate passed S. 1159, to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, regarding the Kake Tribal Corporation public interest land exchange, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto: (See next issue.)

Burns (for Murkowski) Amendment No. 3043, relating to the Kake Tribal Corporation land exchange. (See next issue.)

Alaska Hydroelectric Project: Senate passed S. 439, to provide for Alaska State jurisdiction over small hydroelectric projects, to address voluntary licensing of hydroelectric projects on fresh waters in the State of Hawaii, to provide an exemption for portion of a hydroelectric project located in the State of New Mexico, after agreeing to committee amendments. (See next issue.)

Hawaii Hydroelectric Project: Senate passed S. 846, to amend the Federal Power Act to remove the jurisdiction of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to license projects on fresh waters in the State of Hawaii. (See next issue.)

Wyoming Land Conveyance: Senate passed S. 799, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to transfer to the personal representative of the estate of Fred Steffens of Big Horn County, Wyoming, certain land

comprising the Steffens family property, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. (See next issue.)

Wyoming Land Conveyance: Senate passed S. 814, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to transfer to John R. and Margaret J. Lowe of Big Horn County, Wyoming, certain land so as to correct an error in the patent issued to their predecessors in interest, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. (See next issue.)

California Land Conveyance: Senate passed H.R. 960, to validate certain conveyances in the City of Tulare, Tulare County, California, clearing the measure for the President. (See next issue.)

Minidoka Project Conveyance: Senate passed S. 538, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain facilities of the Minidoka project to the Burley Irrigation District, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto: (See next issue.)

Burns (for Craig) Amendment No. 3044, to modify the committee amendment relating to land transfer. (See next issue.)

Washington State Hydroelectric Project: Senate passed H.R. 651, to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act for the construction of a hydroelectric project located in the State of Washington, clearing the measure for the President. (See next issue.)

Washington State Hydroelectric Project: Senate passed H.R. 652, to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act for the construction of a hydroelectric project located in the State of Washington, clearing the measure for the President. (See next issue.)

New York Hydroelectric Project: Senate passed H.R. 848, to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act applicable to the construction of the Ausable Hydroelectric Project in New York, clearing the measure for the President. (See next issue.)

Washington State Hydroelectric Project: Senate passed H.R. 1184, to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act for the construction of the Bear Creek hydroelectric project in the State of Washington, clearing the measure for the President. (See next issue.)

Washington State Hydroelectric Project: Senate passed H.R. 1217, to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act for the construction of a hydroelectric project located in the State of Washington, clearing the measure for the President. (See next issue.)

Martin Luther King Memorial Location: Senate passed H.J. Res. 113, approving the location of a Martin Luther King, Jr., Memorial in the Nation's Capital, clearing the measure for the President. (See next issue.)

National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 1635, to establish within the United States National Park Service the National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom program, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President. Page S7078

National Peace Groud Memorial: Senate concurred in the amendment of the House to S. 731, to extend the legislative authority for construction of the National Peace Garden memorial, clearing the measure for the President. (See next issue.)

Higher Education Act Reauthorization—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the consideration of S. 1882, to reauthorize the Higher Education Act of 1965, with a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and certain amendments to be proposed thereto. (See next issue.)

Alaska Land Conveyance—Agreement: A unanimous-consent time-agreement was reached providing for the consideration of S. 660, to provide for the continuation of higher education through the conveyance of certain public lands in the State of Alaska to the University of Alaska, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute, and certain amendments to be proposed thereto. (See next issue.)

Alaska Land Transfer Agreement: A unanimous-consent time-agreement was reached providing for the consideration of S. 1092, to provide for a transfer of land interests in order to facilitate surface transportation between the cities of Cold Bay, Alaska, and King Cove, Alaska, and certain amendments to be proposed thereto. (See next issue.)

Nominations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the consideration of the nominations of A. Howard Matz, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, and Victoria A. Roberts, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan, on Friday, June 26, 1998, with votes to occur thereon. (See next issue.)

Messages from the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting the report entitled "Science and Engineering Indicators—1998"; referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (PM-141). (See next issue.)

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Mary Anne Sullivan, of the District of Columbia, to be General Counsel of the Department of Energy.

Donald J. Barry, of Wisconsin, to be Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife.

Michael S. Dukakis, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Reform Board (AMTRAK) for a term of five years.

John Robert Smith, of Mississippi, to be a Member of the Reform Board (AMTRAK) for a term of five years.

Tommy G. Thompson, of Wisconsin, to be a Member of the Reform Board (AMTRAK) for a term of five years.

52 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

30 Army nominations in the rank of general.

10 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, Navy. Pages S7078-79

Nomination Received: Senate received the following nomination:

David O. Carter, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California.

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Messages From the President: (See next issue.)

Messages From the House: (See next issue.)

Measures Referred: (See next issue.)

Measures Placed on Calendar: (See next issue.)

Communications: (See next issue.)

Petitions: (See next issue.)

Executive Reports of Committees: (See next issue.)

Statements on Introduced Bills: (See next issue.)

Additional Cosponsors: (See next issue.)

Amendments Submitted: (See next issue.)

Authority for Committees: (See next issue.)

Additional Statements: (See next issue.)

Record Votes: Nine record votes were taken today. (Total—181) Pages S7042, S7046, S7047, S7076, S7077

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 11:28 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Friday, June 26, 1998. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7078.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill to authorize funds through fiscal year 2003 for programs of the National School Lunch Act and the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 to provide children with increased access to food and nutrition assistance, and to simplify program operations and improve program management.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Appropriations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

An original bill making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999; and

An original bill making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, and the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported 678 military nominations in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Air Force.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1283, to award Congressional gold medals to Jean Brown Trickey, Carlotta Walls LaNier, Melba Patillo Beals, Terrence Roberts, Gloria Ray Karlmark, Thelma Mothershed Wair, Ernest Green, Elizabeth Eckford, and Jefferson Thomas, commonly referred collectively as the "Little Rock Nine" on the occasion of the 40th anniversary of the integration of the Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas;

An original bill entitled "International Anti-Bribery Act"; and

The nominations of Michael J. Copps, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Trade Development, and Awilda R. Marquez, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary, and Director General of the United States and Foreign Commercial Service, both of the Department of Commerce.

FINANCIAL SERVICES COMPETITIVENESS ACT

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on H.R. 10, to enhance competition in the financial services industry

by providing a prudential framework for the affiliation of banks, securities firms, and other financial service providers, after receiving testimony from Julie L. Williams, Acting Comptroller of the Currency, and Ellen Seidman, Director, Office of Thrift Supervision, both of the Department of the Treasury; Arthur Levitt, Chairman, Securities and Exchange Commission; Donna Tanoue, Chairman, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; Timothy R. McTaggart, Dover, Delaware, on behalf of the Conference of State Bank Supervisors; George Nichols III, Shelbyville, Kentucky, on behalf of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners; and Denise Voigt Crawford, on behalf of the North American Securities Administrators Association, and James L. Pledger, on behalf of the American Council of State Savings Supervisors, both of Austin, Texas.

NOMINATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of William Lloyd Massey, of Arkansas, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

Prior to this action, committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Mr. Massey, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Bumpers, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

UTAH LAND EXCHANGE

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management concluded hearings on S. 2146 and H.R. 3830, bills to provide for the exchange of Utah School Trust lands located within Utah's national parks, monuments, recreation areas, and forests for cash and federal assets in other parts of Utah, after receiving testimony from Senators Hatch and Bennett; Representatives Cook and Cannon; John D. Leshy, Solicitor, Department of the Interior; Utah Governor Michael O. Leavitt, David T. Terry, Utah School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration, John L. Watson, Utah State Board of Education, Paula Plant, Utah Congress of Parents and Teachers, and Roger P. Pinkerton, Conoco Inc., all of Salt Lake City, Utah; Emery County Commissioner Randy G. Johnson, Castle Dale, Utah, on behalf of the Utah Association of Counties Public Lands Oversight Committee; Garfield County Commissioner Louise Liston, Escalante, Utah; Kane County Commissioner Joe Judd, Kanab, Utah; and William H. Meadows, Wilderness Society, Washington, D.C.

CHINA MISSILE PROLIFERATION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee held closed hearings to examine Chinese missile proliferation issues, receiving testimony from John Lauder, Special

Assistant to the Director of Central Intelligence for Nonproliferation.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

DUAL-USE TECHNOLOGY EXPORT LICENSING PROCESS

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded hearings to examine the Defense Technology Security Administration's role in the licensing process for the export of dual-use technologies to foreign countries, after receiving testimony from Peter M. Leitner, Senior Strategic Trade Advisor, Defense Technology Security Administration, and Franklin C. Miller, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Strategy and Threat Reduction, both of the Department of Defense.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1976, to increase public awareness of the plight of victims of crime with developmental disabilities, to collect data to measure the magnitude of the problem, and to develop strategies to address the safety and justice needs of victims of crime with developmental disabilities, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of John D. Kelly, of North Dakota, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit, Raner Christercunean Collins, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona, Robert G. James, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Louisiana, Dan A. Polster, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio, and Ralph E. Tyson, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Louisiana.

Also, committee continued markup of S.J. Res. 44, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to protect the rights of crime victims, but did not complete action thereon and recessed subject to call.

JUDGESHIP ALLOCATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts concluded hearings to examine the appropriate allocation of judgeships in the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, after receiving testimony from Richard A. Posner, Chief Judge, Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals; and William R. Quinlan, Quinlan & Crisham, Chicago, Illinois.

HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR 55-TO 64-YEAR-OLDS

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Committee concluded hearings to examine a report entitled *Private Health Insurance: Declining Employer Coverage May Affect Access for 55-to 64-Year-Olds*, which addresses the employment, income, health, and health insurance status of the near elderly population, and their ability to obtain employer-based health insurance if they retire before becoming eligible for Medicare, and proposed legislation to expand access to health coverage for certain uninsured Amer-

icans aged 55–64 who are not yet eligible for Medicare, after receiving testimony from Senator Daschle; William J. Scanlon, Director, Health Financing and Systems Issues, Health, Education, and Human Services Division, General Accounting Office; C. Keith Campbell, Seward, Alaska, on behalf of the American Association of Retired Persons; Paul Fronstin, Employee Benefit Research Institute, and Charles N. Kahn III, Health Insurance Association of America, both of Washington, D.C.; David Shactman, Institute for Health Policy/Brandeis University, Waltham, Massachusetts; and Teresa DeRuiter, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 55 public bills, H.R. 4138–4192; and 6 resolutions, H.J. Res. 124–125, H. Con. Res. 297, and H. Res. 495–497 were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 2795, to extend certain contracts between the Bureau of Reclamation and irrigation water contractors in Wyoming and Nebraska that receive water from Glendo Reservoir, amended (H. Rept. 105–604);

H.R. 3682, to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit taking minors across State lines to avoid laws requiring the involvement of parents in abortion decisions, amended (H. Rept. 105–605);

H.R. 3748, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to authorize appropriations for the Federal Election Commission for fiscal year 1999. (H. Rept. 105–606); and

H. Res. 392, relating to the importance of Japanese American relations and the urgent need for Japan to more effectively address its economic and financial problems and open its markets by eliminating informal barriers to trade and investment, thereby making a more effective contribution to leading the Asian region out of its current financial crisis, insuring against a global recession, and reinforcing regional stability and security, amended (H. Rept. 105–607, Part 1).

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Independence Day District Work Period: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 297, providing for adjournment of the House and Senate for the Independence Day district work period.

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Earlier the House agreed to H. Res. 491, the rule that provided for consideration of the concurrent res-

olution by a yeas and nays vote of 225 yeas to 188 nays, Roll No. 267.

Pages H5302–03, H5329–30

Treasury, Postal Service Appropriations Act: By a recorded vote of 125 yeas to 291 nays, Roll No. 268, the House failed to agree to H. Res. 485, the rule to provide for consideration of H.R. 4104, making appropriations for the Treasury Department, the United States Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain Independent Agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999.

Pages H5307–15, H5330–31

Legislative Branch Appropriations Act: The House passed H.R. 4112, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, by a yeas and nays vote of 235 yeas to 179 nays, Roll No. 272.

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By a yeas and nays vote of 192 yeas to 222 nays, Roll No. 271, rejected the Obey motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report it back with an amendment to reduce “Committee Employees Standing Committees, Special and Select” funding by \$8.3 million.

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Agreed To:

The Farr amendment that clarifies that \$100,000 shall be made available for the Office Waste Recycling Program; and

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The Gutierrez amendment that mandates the establishment of a energy conservation plan, thus bringing Congress into compliance with the energy efficiency standards established under the Energy Policy Relief Act of 1992.

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A point of order was sustained against Section 108, dealing with transit programs.

Pages H5347–48

H. Res. 489, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a recorded vote

of 228 yeas to 188 nays, Roll No. 270. Earlier, agreed to order the previous question by a yeas and nays vote of 222 yeas to 194 nays, Roll No. 269.

Pages H5315–29, H5331–32

Member Sworn: Representative-elect Heather Wilson of New Mexico presented herself in the well of the House and was administered the oath of office by the Speaker.

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IRS Restructuring and Reform Act Conference Report: The House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 2676, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to restructure and reform the Internal Revenue Service, by a recorded vote of 402 yeas to 8 nays, Roll No. 273.

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Rejected the McDermott motion to recommit the conference report with instructions to managers on the part of the House to disagree to section 5001, relating to lower capital gains rates to apply to property held more than 1 year by a yeas and nays vote of 116 yeas to 292 nays, Roll No. 273.

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H. Res. 490, the rule that waived points of order against the conference report accompanying the bill, was agreed to earlier by a voice vote.

Pages H5304–07

Late Reports: The Committee on Appropriations received permission to have until midnight on Wednesday, July 8, to file reports on bills making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and Related Agencies; and making appropriations for the Department of Veterans Affairs, HUD, and sundry agencies.

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Legislative Program: Representative Solomon announced the legislative program for the week of July 13.

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Honoring the Berlin Airlift: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 230, amended, honoring the Berlin Airlift. Earlier, agreed by unanimous consent to technical amendments offered by Mr. Hefley.

Pages H5385–86

Child Support Performance and Incentive Act: The House agreed to the Senate amendments to H.R. 3130, to provide for an alternative penalty procedure for States that fail to meet Federal child support data processing requirements, to reform Federal incentive payments for effective child support performance, and to provide for a more flexible penalty procedure for States that violate interjurisdictional adoption requirements, with House amendments.

Pages H5370–85

Private Non-Profit Food Bank Volunteers: The House passed H.R. 3152, amended, to provide that certain volunteers at private non-profit food banks are not employees for purposes of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938. Earlier, agreed by unanimous

consent to the amendment in the nature of a substitute offered by Mr. Ballenger.

Pages H5386–87

Emancipation of African slaves in the Danish West Indies now the United States Virgin Islands: The House agreed to H. Res. 495, relating to the recognition of the connection between the emancipation of African slaves in the Danish West Indies, now the United States Virgin Islands, to the American Declaration of Independence from the British Government.

Pages H5387–88

Presidential Message—Science and Engineering Indicators: Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted the Science and Engineering Indicators of 1998 report of the National Science Board—referred to the Committee on Science.

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Morella to act as Speaker pro tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions through July 14, 1998.

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Resignations and Appointments: Agreed that notwithstanding any adjournment of the House until Tuesday, July 14, 1998, the Speaker, Majority Leader, and Minority Leader, be authorized to accept resignations and to make appointments authorized by law or by the House.

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Calendar Wednesday: Agreed that business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on July 15.

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Senate Message: Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H5299 and H5392.

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H5406–08.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five yeas and nays votes, and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H5329–30, H5330–31, H5331–32, H5332, H5351, H5351–52, H5367–68, and H5368. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 10:00 a.m. and pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 297, adjourned at 7:33 p.m., until July 14.

Committee Meetings

FOOD QUALITY PROTECTION ACT—IMPLEMENTATION

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Department Operations, Nutrition, and Foreign Agriculture held a hearing to review the implementation of the Food Quality Protection Act. Testimony was heard from Richard Rominger, Deputy Secretary, USDA;

Fred Hansen, Deputy Administrator, EPA; Jean-Mari Peltier, Chief Deputy Director, Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Pesticide Regulation, State of California; and public witnesses.

AGRICULTURAL EXPORT PROGRAMS ADMINISTRATION'S USE

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities held a hearing to review the Administration's use of agricultural export programs. Testimony was heard from Representative Hill and August Schumacher, Jr., Under Secretary, Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services, USDA.

INTERIOR AND VA, HUD AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Ordered reported the following appropriations for fiscal year 1999: Interior and VA, HUD and Independent Agencies.

HOMEOWNERS' INSURANCE AVAILABILITY ACT

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Began markup of H.R. 219, Homeowners' Insurance Availability Act of 1997.

Will continue July 15.

ELECTRONIC COMMERCE

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection held a hearing on Electronic Commerce: Consumer Protection in Cyberspace. Testimony was heard from Eileen Harrington, Associate Director, Division of Marketing Practices, Bureau of Consumer Protection, FTC; Shirley Sarna, Assistant Attorney General, Bureau of Consumer Frauds and Protection, State of New York; and public witnesses.

IMPEDIMENTS TO UNION DEMOCRACY

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations continued hearings on Impediments to Union Democracy, Part II: Right to Vote in the Carpenter's Union? Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

NIGERIA—PROSPECTS FOR DEMOCRACY

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on Prospects for Democracy in Nigeria. Testimony was heard from Susan Rice, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of African Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime held a hearing on the following bills; H.R. 4100, Free Market Prison Industries Reform Act of 1998; and H.R. 2758, Federal Prison Industries Competi-

tion in Contracting Act of 1997. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Bureau of Prisons, Department of Justice: Kathleen Hawk Sawyer, Director; and Steve Schwalb, Assistant Director; Michael J. Sullivan, Secretary, Department of Corrections, State of Wisconsin; and public witnesses.

RADIATION WORKERS JUSTICE ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration held a hearing on H.R. 3539, Radiation Workers Justice Act of 1998. Testimony was heard from Representative Redmond; Donald M. Remy, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Civil Division, Department of Justice; Lawrence J. Fine, M.D., Director, Division of Surveillance, Hazard Evaluations and Field Studies, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, Center for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—FOREST SERVICE TRAINING

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health held an oversight hearing on Forest Service Training. Testimony was heard from Ron Stewart, Deputy Chief, Programs and Legislation, Forest Service, USDA.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES OVERSIGHT— AUBURN DAM SITE;

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 4111, amended, to provide for outlet modifications to Folsom Dam, a study for reconstruction of the Northfork American River Cofferdam, and the transfer to the State of California all right, title, and interest in and to the Auburn Dam; H.R. 1282, amended, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain facilities of the Minidoka project to the Burley Irrigation district; H.R. 1943, amended, to convey certain real property within the Carlsbad Project in New Mexico to the Carlsbad Irrigation District; H.R. 3056, to provide for the preservation and sustainability of the family farm through the transfer of responsibility for operation and maintenance of the Flathead Indian Irrigation Project; H.R. 3687, amended, to authorize prepayment of amounts due under a water reclamation project contract for the Canadian River Project, Texas; and H.R. 4048, amended, to convey the Sly Park Dam and Reservoir to the El Dorado Irrigation District.

The Subcommittee held an oversight hearing on the status of the Auburn Dam Site and the potential to transfer the Federal interest to the State of California. Testimony was heard from John Zirschky, Acting Assistant Secretary of the Army, Civil

Works, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—CHINA: DUAL-USE SPACE TECHNOLOGY

Committee on Science: Held an oversight hearing on China: Dual-Use Space Technology. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

WOMEN'S SMALL BUSINESS EXPANSION ACT

Committee on Small Business: Ordered reported H.R. 4078, Women's Small Business Expansion Act of 1998.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; RESOLUTIONS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 2379, to designate the Federal building and U.S. courthouse located at 251 North Main Street in Winston-Salem, NC, as the "Hiram H. Ward Federal Building and United States Courthouse"; H.R. 2787, amended, to designate the United States courthouse located in New Haven, Connecticut, as the "Richard C. Lee United States Courthouse"; H.R. 3696, amended, to designate the Federal Courthouse located at 316 North 26th Street in Billings, Montana, as the "James F. Battin Federal Courthouse"; H.R. 3982, amended, to designate the Federal building located at 310 New Bern Avenue in Raleigh, North Carolina, as the "Terry Sanford Federal Building"; H.R. 3223, to designate the Federal building located at 300 East 8th Street in Austin, Texas, as the "J.J. 'Jake' Pickle Federal Building"; S. 1800, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 85 Marconi Boulevard in Columbus, Ohio, as the "Joseph P. Kinneary United States Courthouse"; Corps of Engineers Survey Resolutions; NRCS Small Watershed Project Resolutions; H.R. 3869, amended, Disaster Mitigation Act of 1998; H.R. 4058, to amend title 49, United States Code, to reauthorize programs of the Federal Aviation Administration; H.R. 2748, amended, Airline Service Improvement Act; and H.R. 4057, amended, Airport Improvement Program Reauthorization Act of 1998.

The Committee approved the following resolutions: 12 Public Building; 9 construction; 1 advance design; 2 repair and alteration; 9 Corps of Engineers Survey; and 2 NRCS Small Watershed Project.

The Committee also approved pending Committee business.

OVERSIGHT

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held an oversight hearing of the U.S. Role in the International Maritime Organization. Testimony

was heard from Rear Adm. Robert C. North, USCG, Assistant Commandant, Marine Safety, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Transportation; and public witnesses.

FEDERAL RETIREMENT COVERAGE CORRECTIONS ACT; TRADE MEASURES

Committee on Ways and Means: Ordered reported amended H.R. 3249, Federal Retirement Coverage Corrections Act.

The Committee adversely reported the following measures: H.J. Res. 120, disapproving the extension of the waiver authority contained in section 402(c) of the Trade Act of 1974 with respect to Vietnam; and H.J. Res. 121, disapproving the extension of nondiscriminatory treatment (most-favored-nation treatment) to the products of the People's Republic of China.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D690)

H.R. 1847, to improve the criminal law relating to fraud against consumers. Signed June 23, 1998. (P.L. 105-184)

S. 1150, to ensure that federally funded agricultural research, extension, and education address high-priority concerns with national or multistate significance, to reform, extend, and eliminate certain agricultural research programs. Signed June 23, 1998. (P.L. 105-185)

S. 1900, to establish a commission to examine issues pertaining to the disposition of Holocaust-era assets in the United States before, during, and after World War II, and to make recommendations to the President on further action. Signed June 23, 1998. (P.L. 105-186)

H.R. 3811, to establish felony violations for the failure to pay legal child support obligations. Signed June 24, 1998. (P.L. 105-187)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, JUNE 26, 1998

Senate

No meetings are scheduled.

House

Committee on International Relations, Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights, hearing on Human Rights in China, 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Friday, June 26

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12:30 p.m., Tuesday, July 14

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: After the recognition of four Senators for speeches and the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 10:10 a.m.), Senate will consider the nominations of A. Howard Matz, of California, to be U.S. District Judge for the Central District of California, and Victoria A. Roberts, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan, with votes to occur thereon.

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Program for Tuesday: To be announced.

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